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The Newsletter of the Cooley-Keegan Branch of Comhaltas Ceoltóirí Éireann

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From the Chairman

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A Chairde,

With just two months to go, the year is nearly at an end and Samhain is upon us. That means it's Céilí Time! We have two céilís in two months, and on top of all that, the regular CCÉ night at the U.I.C.C., and dancing at the Plough. See our calendar for the details.

The election of next years' branch officers will take place during the November general meeting. If anyone would like to take a more active role in our branch, I encourage you to attend this meeting.

Slán,
Michael

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Membership Renewal

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Thanks to those who have renewed for 2006. If you have not done so, please consider renewing your membership today. Forms were included in the October Sceal and are available on our website. To obtain a membership form by mail, please call me at 415 664-6579 or e-mail to secretary@sfccwest.org. Your membership is vital to our branch. Please respond now so we may send these on to Ireland. Single membership is \$35.00 per year; Two or more in household is \$45.00.

Thank you, Joannie

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General Meetings

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The next General Meetings of the Membership will be on Tuesday November 1st and December 6th at 7:30pm at the United Irish Cultural Center.

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2008 CCE Convention

Many articles in the Sceal throughout the year talk about "The CCE Convention". Last April we went to Ottawa and next April we hope to journey to Chicago to celebrate the weekend of "The CCE Convention". To put it mildly, this is a weekend which draws hundreds from the US and Canada (as well as visitors from England and Ireland) whose common bond is love of Traditional Irish music, song, dance, story & language. The hotel resounds with seisiuns night and day, while dancers have been known to take the floor from sunrise to the next sunrise!! Old friends meet and new friendships are formed and it brings together the best in Irish traditions this side of the Atlantic.

The Cooley Keegan Branch has formed a Committee to bid for the 2008 CCE Convention. Kasey MillerE and Joannie O'Leary are co-chairpersons along with a superb host of Special Committee chairpersons to make this weekend a reality. This is indeed a 2 year project and requires the help and talents of many. Will you help? Our last Convention in 1998 was a tremendous success, and 2008 will be one to remember!

Fund raising has already begun. Kasey has arranged for us to "Christmas Wrap" at Borders in Stonestown during the holidays and she is also working on a second location in the Marin-Petaluma area. Volunteers are needed to help wrap presents or donate wrapping paper & ribbon. This will kick-off our financial efforts to bring the Convention to you in San Francisco. Please lend a hand and join the fun by calling Kasey (707 769-8552) or Joannie (415 664-6579) to lend a hand with this event or other Convention projects. The craic will be mighty!!



Founded in 1951, Comhaltas Ceoltóirí Éireann is Ireland's Premiere Cultural Movement. When you join Comhaltas, you join people in more than 400 branches worldwide in support of the traditional Irish Arts of Music, Dance and Language. We welcome new members. Please contact the Membership Secretary for membership information or visit us on the web at <http://sf.ccewest.org>



Dan McAuliffe's nieces Aoife and Orla provided part of the entertainment at Dan's 60th birthday party

Gaeilge - Irish Language

Oíche Ghaeltachta, Dé Domhnaigh, 20 Samhain. Hayward, 6:30 i.n. (3ú Domhnach de mhí) - comhrá as Gaeilge, seisiún ceoil agus amhránaíocht ar an tsean-nós. "Ádh an phóta" don dhinnéar: 6:30; seisiún thart fá 8:00 i.n. An chéad ceann eile: 18 Nollaig 2005, in Hayward. Seoladh agus treoreacha le fáil: gaeilge@ccwest.org, (510) 881-5958

Gaeltacht Night, Sunday 20 November, 6:30p.m. (3rd Sunday of the month) - conversation in Irish, music and sean-nós singing session. "Pot luck" dinner: 6:30; session: about 8:00 p.m. Next one: 18 December 2005, in Hayward. Address and directions: gaeilge@ccwest.org, (510) 881 5958.

Ceili's this Month

November Night's Ceili

Celebrate "Oíche Samhain" the Celtic New Year with our "November Night Ceili" on Sunday, November 6th from 6-9:30pm at the United Irish Cultural Center. Music by the Bridge Gap Ceili Band along with special entertainment and the launching of our exciting Children's Music Program. \$10. donation per person at the door; children accompanied by adult are free. Everyone is welcome. Bring the family for a great night out on November 6th. Please see flyer attached.

For questions contact Michael Riemer (510-548-4727) or Josephine Brogan (415-681-4803). For general information about kids' ceili contact Michael Murphy at 415-786-1337 or irishboogieyman@yahoo.com.

CCE Night at UICC

Saturday, November 19th is Comhaltas Night at the UICC. Join us for dinner followed by music, dancing and "a bit of a song" from 7:30-11:30pm in the restaurant-bar lounge. Dancing to live music begins at 8:30 p.m.. Audience participation in singing, recitation, or solo dancing especially during band's intermission is also welcome. The dances will consist of the ceili, ceili figure, set, couple, and barn dance varieties. If people want to meet for dinner, contact Josephine Brogan 415-681-4803 or josephinebrogan@yahoo.com. Meeting time for dinner: 6:30 p.m.

Song and Storytelling

The next CCE Singing and Storytelling session will be hosted by Michael Timpanaro in Cupertino on Friday, November 4th @ 8pm. Contact info:

20064 John Dr.
Cupertino, CA 95014
Tel: (408) 446-3328, mtimpana@yahoo.com

On December 2nd Cathy & Harold Jones will host:
964 Capitola Way,
Santa Clara.
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**COMHALTAS CEOLTÓIRÍ ÉIREANN
THE COOLEY-KEEGAN BRANCH**

***NOVEMBER CÉILÍ
OÍCHE SHAMHNA***

WHEN: *SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2005*

WHERE: *UNITED IRISH CULTURAL CENTER
2700 45th Avenue, San Francisco (St. Patrick's Room)*

TIME: *6:00 – 9.00 P.M.*

*DANCING TO THE "BRIDGE GAP CÉILÍ BAND"
PLUS ADDITIONAL ENTERTAINMENT*

ADMISSION: *Adults: \$10 Children: Free*

For Information, call Josephine Brogan at (415) 681-4803

Please visit our website at: <http://sf.ccewest.org>

November 2005

Dé Domhnaigh Sunday	Dé Luan Monday	Dé Mairt Tuesday	Dé Céadaoin Wednesday	Déardaoin Thursday	Dé h-Aoine Friday	Dé Sat hair n Saturday
30	31	1 <u>CCÉ Meeting</u> U.I.C.C.	2 <u>Set Dancing</u> Fiddler's Green	3 <u>Set Dancing</u> Plough & Stars w/ Shannon Ceili Band	4 <u>Song Seisiún</u> Michael Timpanaro's Cupertino	5
6 <u>November Night's Ceili</u> UICC Seisiún - Plough and Stars	7	8	9 <u>Set Dancing</u> Fiddler's Green	10 <u>Set Dancing</u> UICC for class Plough & Stars w/ Topsy House	11	12
13 Seisiún - Plough and Stars	14 <u>Slow Seisiún</u> Ireland's 32	15	16 <u>Set Dancing</u> Fiddler's Green	17 <u>Set Dancing</u> UICC for class Plough & Stars w/ Topsy House	18	19 <u>CCÉ Night</u> U.I.C.C.
20 <u>Oíche Ghaeltachta</u> Nikki's House Hayward Seisiún - Plough and Stars	21	22 <u>Slow Seisiún</u> Plough and Stars	23 <u>Set Dancing</u> Fiddler's Green	24 <u>Set Dancing</u> UICC for class Plough & Stars w/ Topsy House	25	26
27 Seisiún - Plough and Stars	28 <u>Slow Seisiún</u> Ireland's 32	29	30 <u>Set Dancing</u> Fiddler's Green	1 <u>Set Dancing</u> Plough & Stars w/ Shannon Ceili Band	2 <u>Song Seisiún</u> Cathy & Harold Jones's Santa Clara	3

Fiddler's Green - 333 El Camino Real, Millbrae, (650) 697-3419

Ireland's 32 - 3920 Geary Blvd. (Between 3rd and 4th), San Francisco, (415) 386-6173

I.O.O.F. Hall - 113 South B Street, San Mateo

Nikki's House - Call or e-mail for directions: (510) 881 5958 or gaeilge@ccwest.org

Plough and Stars - 116 Clement Ave. (Between 2nd and 3rd), San Francisco, (415) 751-1122

U.I.C.C. - 2700 45th Ave. (At Sloat Blvd.), San Francisco, (415) 661-2700

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Set Dancing

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Every Wednesday: Fiddler's Green in Millbrae at 8:00pm. Please contact Josephine for information (650) 372-9659-

1st Thursday: Plough and Stars in San Francisco at 8:00pm. Music by the Shannon Céili Band.

2nd through last Thursdays:

- Lessons at the United Irish Cultural Center (UICC) in San Francisco at 7:30pm -- check at bar for room. Taped music:
- Plough and Stars in San Francisco at 9:30pm. Topsy House typically plays on the 2nd 4th and last Thursday; Shannon Ceili Band on the 1st and 3rd Thursday. Dancers are encouraged to contribute \$5 to support the live music.

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Seisiún

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Slow Seisiún:

- Ireland's 32, starting at 7:30pm on the 2nd and last Mondays of each month. This is intended for beginners learning to play traditional Irish tunes. Starting at 9:00pm more experienced musicians are encouraged to join in on the faster paced, more Traditional Seisiún which follows. All are welcome to come listen as well. Contact Michael Riemer or Michael Duffy for more information.
- Plough and Stars, starting at 8:30 on the second to last Tuesday of each month. This Seisiún follows the same format as the Ireland's 32 Slow Seisiún.

Seisiún: - 8:30 Sundays at the Plough and Stars, various hosts.

Song and Storytelling Seisiún: Held on the first Friday of each month, check the calendar for exact details.

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